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**Unit 11: Kennedy & Johnson Administration and the Civil Right Movement Guided Reading Questions**

**U.S. Involvement in Cuba**

1. What continued to guide the U.S. and our approach to foreign affairs in the 1960’s?

2. Why were the 1960’s a time when the Cold War could have escalated to a direct military action between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?

3. What commodity did Cuba export to the U.S. that led to them receiving special incentives from the government?

4. How many miles is Cuba from the coast of Florida?

5. Who overthrew the elected government of Cuba in 1952?

6. Why was Batista a considered to be a corrupt leader?

7. What was the 26th of July Movement?

8. Who were the leaders of this movement?

9. What happened to Batista in 1958?

10. What did Fidel Castro do upon gaining control of Cuba?

11. Why did the U.S. place economic sanctions against Cuba?

12. Why did the U.S. begin planning to overthrow Fidel Castro?

13. Who did the U.S. use to train and carry out a coup against the Castro government?

14. Where was the U.S. planning to land the coup?

15. What happened on April 5th, 1961?

16. What did the newly elected Kennedy Administration refuse to do?

17. What country did Castro turn to for support?

**Document Analysis 1**

18. What does MRBM stand for?

19. What does IRBM stand for?

20. What major U.S. cities would have been hit by the MRBM’s?

21. What major U.S. city would have been hit by the IRBM?

**The Cuban Missile Crisis**

22. What caused further strain in the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba in 1962?

23. Why did the Soviet Union place nuclear missiles on Cuba?

24. Why did Castro allow the Soviet Union to place missiles on Cuba?

25. What did the Kennedy administration do in response to finding out about the missiles?

26. What did the Soviet Union ask the U.S. to do in order for them to remove missiles from Cuba?

27. How many days was their uncertainty about the possibility of nuclear war between the U.S. and Soviet Union?

28. How was Kennedy and his administration viewed after the crisis?

**Document Analysis 2**

29. According to the “Domino Theory” what happened after China fell to communism?

30. According to the “Domino Theory” what countries may also fall to communism?

31. What President came up with this theory?

**The Vietnam War**

32. Who controlled Vietnam during the late 19th century?

33. Who tool control on Vietnam during WWII?

34. Who were the Vietminh?

35. Who was the leader of the communist party in Vietnam?

36. What 2 countries were created in Southeast Asia after WWII?

37. What served as the dividing line between North Vietnam and South Vietnam?

38. Why did the South Vietnamese government reject an all-Vietnam election?

39. What South Vietnamese groups were targeted by the Vietcong?

40. Why did the U.S. support South Vietnam?

41. What is the Domino Theory?

42. What happened on August 2nd, 1964?

43. How did President Johnson respond?

44. What was the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution?

45. How many U.S. troops had been sent to Vietnam by 1968?

46. What countries gave military aid to North Vietnam?

**Assassination of John F. Kennedy**

47. What were 2 major issues in the U.S. during the 1960’s?

48. What movement was gaining momentum in a effort to speed up integration?

49. What is integration?

50. Why was President Kennedy unable to get his Civil Rights legislation passed?

51. What happened on November 22nd, 1963?

52. Where did this tragedy take place?

53. Who assassinated JFK?

54. Who was sworn in as President after JFK was assassinated?

**Civil Rights Legislation**

55. What gave President Johnson the political capital to force his domestic legislative package through Congress?

56. Johnson depicted passage of the proposed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law as being one of the best ways to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the dead president's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

57. What 2 laws were passed by Congress in 1964?

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58. What was outlawed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964?

59. What law was passed by Congress in 1965?

60. What did this law make illegal?

61. What did this law end the practice of?

62. What did this law mandate?

**Document Analysis 3**

63. Did the number of African American voters increase or decrease in the southern states between 1964 and 1968?

64. Which state saw a largest growth in the number of African American voters between 1964 and 1968?

65. What do you think contributed to these changes?

**Lyndon B. Johnson’s Great Society**

66. Why did President Johnson launch his Great Society programs?

67. What did President Johnson think could be used to solve key quality of life issues?

68. Describe the following Great Society programs:

* War on Poverty-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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* National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Job Corps-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Head Start-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Document Analysis 4**

69. According to the quote, is the voter going to vote for Kennedy or Nixon?

70. Why does he chose him over the other?

**Impact of Television: Kennedy/Nixon Presidential Debate**

71. What was the dominant source of media prior to WWII?

72. What was the dominant source of media by the late 1950’s?

73. How many televisions were purchased between 1939-1941?

74. How many televisions were purchased by 1959?

75. In what ways did television impact American culture?

76. What were 4 events in the 1960’s that illustrate how television impacted modern American politics and culture?

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77. Prior to 1960, how did Presidential candidates campaign?

78. Who were the 2 candidates running for President in 1960?

79. How many debates between these candidates were televised?

80. What were the physical differences between the 2 candidates?

81. When was the first debate broadcast?

82. How many viewers watched the debate on T.V.?

83. Who did many viewers see as the better candidate?

84. Who did those who listened to the debate on the radio think was the better candidate?

85. Television proved that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ matters.

**Impact of Television: Civil Rights Movement**

86. In what way did Civil Rights leaders use television?

87. What are some examples of news footage that caused many viewers to question the equity of segregation laws?

88. Who attacked the Selma Marchers?

89. What famous speech was broadcast live in 1963?

90. What impact did T.V. have on the Civil Rights Movement?

**Impact of Television: First Moon Landing**

91. Who were the first 2 people to step foot on the moon?

92. When did the first moon landing take place?

93. What did people at home get to see the astronauts do on T.V. upon landing on the moon?

94. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the United States and the Soviet Union was symbolically \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with the planting of the American \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in space.

**Impact of Television: Vietnam War**

95. Why was the Vietnam War known as the first “living room war”?

96. Why did television make it more difficult for the government to convince Americans that victory in the Vietnam War was eminent?

97. Television proved is could sway \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the images of the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War.

**Civil Rights Groups**

98. What organization grew out of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955?

99. Who was the leader of this organization?

100. What was this organization’s main goal?

101. What are 6 examples of tactics used by the SCLC?

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102. What organization grew out of an impromptu sit-in protest in Greensboro, North Carolina?

103. What were the Freedom Rides?

104. What were 2 events organized by SNCC?

105. What caused many members to split off from SNCC?

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

106. What did MLK help organize that allowed him to emerge as a leader?

107. Why was MLK arrested in April 1963?

108. What document did MLK write while in jail?

109. What were civil rights organizations marching in support of at the March on Washington in August of 1963?

110. Where was MLK standing while giving his famous “I Have a Dream” speech?

111. How long was the speech?

**Cesar Chavez**

112. What was the purpose of the United Farm Workers?

113. Who did the UFW represent?

114. Who was Cesar Chavez?

115. What labor union was founded by Cesar Chavez?

116. What was the UFW’s first notable success?

117. What tactics were used by Chavez and the UFW?

**Document Analysis 5**

118. According to the quote, what is he upset about?

119. Where is he when he changes his mind?

120. Who is being quoted?

121. What was his role in the Vietnam War?

**Social and Political Turmoil of 1968: Tet Offensive**

122. Who was General William Westmoreland?

123. What did he ask for from Congress?

124. What was General Westmoreland completely wrong about?

125. When did the Tet Offensive occur?

126. How many South Vietnamese cities were attacked during the Tet Offensive?

127. What 2 forces responded to the Tet Offensive with a counterattack on the Vietcong?

128. In what way did the Tet Offensive cause turmoil back home in the U.S.?

**Social and Political Turmoil of 1968: Assassination of MLK and RFK**

129. What did President Johnson announce on March 31st, 1968?

130. Who was the Republican Party candidate in the 1968 election?

132. Who was mostly likely going to be chosen as the Democratic Party candidate in the 1968 election?

133. When was MLK assassinated?

134. Where was MLK assassinated?

135. Who assassinated MLK?

136. What happened across the country in response to MLK’s death?

137. When was RFK assassinated?

138. Where was RFK assassinated?

139. Who assassinated RFK?

140. What did many believe would happen in the 1968 election had RFK not been killed?

**Social and Political Turmoil: Presidential Election of 1968**

141. Where was the 1968 Democratic Party Convention held?

142. Why was there protesting outside of the convention?

143. Who was Richard J. Daley?

144. What did Daley do to try to suppress the protest groups?

145. How did people watching at home react to the interactions between the protesters and the police?

146. Richard Nixon claimed that he represented the **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”** of socially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Americans who had grown tired of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ excesses and violence of the 1960s.

147. Who did Nixon defeat in the 1968 election?

148. What were the results of the complex social and political issues of 1968?

**Document Analysis 6**

149. According to the quote, what tied down the nation for 4 years?

150. According to the quote, what is the nation unable to manage?

151. According to the quote, what is the nation plagued by?

152. According to the quote, what is the nation torn by?

153. According to the quote, why would the President of the U.S. fear traveling abroad or to a major city?

154. Who is being quoted?

155. Where and when was this quote given?